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OVERVIEW

The purpose of this policy is to clearly define the electronic health record (EHR) payment expectations for Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island's (BCBSRI) programs that include EHR payment incentives and/or requirements for primary care physicians (PCPs). These programs are:

1. PCP EHR Fee Increase Program
2. Patient-Centered Medical Home Program

MEDICAL CRITERIA

Not applicable

PRIOR AUTHORIZATION

Not applicable

POLICY STATEMENT

In order to meet the EHR system and utilization requirements of the above programs, a practice must actively use an EHR system with the following system requirements:

1. EHR must be a Qualified EHR as defined in Section 2.0.
2. Any cost of modification/upgrade of the EHR System required to meet standards for certification shall be borne solely by the Provider and/or EHR System vendor.

If the EHR System does not continue to uphold the aforementioned requirements, BCBSRI reserves the right to cease payment and recoup any and all monies related to EHR use paid to the physicians under the Agreements for the programs named in Section 1.0 after a ninety (90) day grace period passes from the date the EHR system

It is expected that PCPs meet the federal Meaningful Use criteria within twelve months after their EHR implementation date. PCPs participating in the PCP EHR Fee Increase Program and the Patient-Centered Medical Home Program must continue to successfully achieve Stage 1 Meaningful Use, and all subsequent stages in accordance with CMS guidelines and BCBSRI requirements.

COVERAGE

Not applicable.

BACKGROUND

Not applicable.

CODING

99201 – 99205

99211 – 99215

99381 – 99387

99391 – 99397

RELATED POLICIES

None.

PUBLISHED

Not applicable.

REFERENCES

None.

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